REMARKS

I. 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 82-84 and 84-86 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,770,533 to Franchi in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,954,582 to Zach and U.S. Patent No. 6,702,672 to Angell, et al. For the reasons set forth below, applicant traverses this section 103 rejection.

During a telephonic conference, the examiner and applicant's representative discussed the previous amendment to claim 80 and the need to further expand upon the amendment to relate the amendment to the other limitations in claim 80. Applicant has amended claim 80 in the manner suggested by the examiner.

More specifically, applicant has amended claim 80 to recite a printer configured to print a receipt each time a gaming device is dispensed wherein said receipt includes reference to said random data encryption key, said printed random data encryption capable of being manually input into said remote gaming device in lieu of the transmission of said at least one data encryption key from said game controller to said gaming device. Support for the amendment to claim 80 is located in paragraphs [0058] and [0071] of the pending application. As disclosed and claimed, the encryption key as printed on the receipt may be optionally used in lieu of the transmitted encryption key from the game controller to the gaming device.

Franchi, Zach and Angell fail to disclose a printer configured to print a receipt each time a gaming device is dispensed wherein said receipt includes reference to said random data encryption key, said printed random data encryption capable of being manually input into said remote gaming device in lieu of the transmission of said at least one data encryption key from said game controller to said gaming device. Accordingly, claims 80-86 are not rendered obvious by the combination of Franchi, Zach and Angell.

II. Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and, accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Should any questions remain

regarding the allowability of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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